

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated December 13, 2005. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claim 11 is pending. Claims 1-10 and 12-14 have been canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claim 11 has been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added. Claim 11 is in independent form.


Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 11 has been so rewritten herein. Accordingly, Claim 11 is believed to be allowable and the subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits that this Amendment After Final Rejection clearly places the subject application in condition for allowance. This Amendment was not earlier presented, because Applicant believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the instant Amendment, as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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